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RE: MUR 5504  
Heather Kovacs

Dear Mr. Lawler:

On August 18, 2008, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe your client, Heather Kovacs, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441f, a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with permitting her name to be used to effect a contribution in the name of another to the Gephardt for President Committee.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

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Sincerely,



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